



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SELECTBOARD MEETING June 19, 2017 7:00 PM

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Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Chair; Steven Cormier, Vice-Chair; Randy DeVine, Duane Leach and Stephen Besette

Public Present: Todd Ashline, Chris Flanigan, Bruce Tuck, Paul Lavallee and Deb Woodward

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes:

6-5-17 - S. Cormier moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by S. Besette, so moved.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants: The town warrants were reviewed by S. Besette. Duane approved a town invoice. All approved by the Board.

Public Comment:

Correspondence:

- There was damage to a private road/lawn due to the heavy equipment from paving on Goose Pond Road. Amy will contact the homeowner and F.W. Whitcomb to come to a resolution.
- NWRPC- Pursuing a grant to complete Storm water Master Plan. Amy will follow up with this.
- Phillip Pelkey submitted an email to address a few areas on the lawn that need repair and sweeping the driveway. The board decided not to pursue the work at this time.

Todd Ashline- Resident on Woodward Road
Chris Flanigan- Resident of Cherrierville Road
Bruce Tuck- Resident of Woodward Road

All three gentlemen addressed the board separately with concerns about the roads. They feel that the proper material isn't being used on the roads and it simply is a waste of town money. They all expressed how can move forward to correct the problems. The highway crew is very much appreciated in the work they do. Below are concerns brought up.

Woodward Road- Top coat is too coarse. binder materials gets washed out too quickly, what is the solution going forward, a lot of material gets edged off the road from the grader, the added traffic doesn't help the roads, pot holes after lite rain, tires punctured, stones are too big then filling with sand, debris in road, weight of vehicles.

Cherrierville Road- Cars and motorcycles are bottoming out in certain areas, grader is not making it to the ditch, potholes, 4 different types of materials are used and none are road mix. Material is not binding, ditches are overgrown, road is not graded down it's graded out, water doesn't reach the ditches, pictures were shown of water pooling, there is a culvert under the road but the water doesn't reach the culvert and water is about 2 feet deep, road fabric should be used.

Other roads brought up were Carroll Hill for potholes- On Evergreen and Lawton the intersection is dangerous due to materials used.

The board provided the following information. The Highway Dept. is working on making a roller so when they grade they can pack the material at the same time. A member of the highway crew has gone to Grader School, they have learned that the potholes were not being cut out completely there were being scuffed. Now, the Highway Dept. is getting into the practice to cut them out and then level. The chloride liquid does not work as well as the chloride flakes to keep dust down. We will be going back to flakes. No new paving is in the budget so we can focus on repairing and maintaining current roads. The board thanked all 3 gentlemen for coming in. Without our residents coming forward we may not know about the concerns.

Utility Dept. - Randy DeVine

The Utility Dept. is required by the State for a Recertification for our sludge field. We are working with Green Mountain Engineering. This will be done in two phases. First phase will be testing of plant tissue, soil and monitoring wells, letters to residents in the neighboring area and a public hearing. Second phase we will continue to work with Green Mountain Engineering to clean a lagoon, submit plan to State of VT - DEC , spreading the sludge, cropping the field. All this must be done while staying within our permit limits.

Deb Woodward- Town Clerk & Tres.

Almost into tax season again! Deb will work with Pat McNall to get the actual number of properties for the trash removal fee in the tax bills.

The checklist was purged last week, close to 50 people were challenged for removal.

Sheri Rainville is retiring the beginning of September. Sheri has agreed to train the new person that will be hired. Currently Sheri is working on indexing maps and would like that up to date before she leaves. Sheri will be greatly missed. By State Statue Deb has the right to hire whom she chooses as her assistant. The Selectboard will set the rate of pay. Deb has asked the rate of pay be in the range of \$16-19.00 per hour depending on experience.

The Selectboard Stipend was signed.

The Town Manager position is being worked on; there is a meeting on Wednesday June 21 with the hiring committee.

The July Selectboard schedule is Monday July 10th and Monday July 24th both at 7:00 PM.

Paul Lavallee asked if Casella has changed their policy for picking trash up earlier then 7:00 am. The answer is no,

Tom is working on a contract for the Fire Dept. Dispatch.

Randy request that if a resident is coming in, then the dept. head should be here as well.

Adjournment:

8:45 S. Cormier made the motioned to adjourn, seconded by Randy. The motion so moved.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard